Changes to Deer Regulations

DRS Multi-zone Permits enable you to hunt all zones either in Regulation Set 7 or 8 for one low price per regulation set. See page 40.

- The use, possession and sale of deer-derived lures is banned. Hunters may still use synthetic or nondeer derived natural lures.
- The importation into New Jersey of hunter-harvested whole deer carcasses and non-taxidermied heads is banned. See page 46.
- All DMZs designated as Edwin B. Forsythe are now incorporated into the surrounding deer management zones. See page 45.
- An early Fall Bow Season is added to the Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base MDL (DMZ 37). See page 43.
- An extended Winter Bow Season is added to the Lakehurst section of Joint Base MDL (DMZ 53). See page 44.

Archery Deer Seasons 2021–22

Sunday deer hunting ONLY legal for Archery deer seasons and only on WMAs and private property.

Hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset. NOTE: only ONE antlered buck per season per hunter is allowed.

Season	Regulation Set	Zones	Dates	Bag Limits	Additional Information
Fall Bow	7 8	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 17, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51	Sept. 11–Oct. 1, 2021 Must take ONE Antlerless Deer FIRST before pursuing an Antlered Buck (Does not apply to Youth License Holders) Oct. 2–29, 2021 First deer can be of either sex	Unlimited antierless and 1 antiered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	Deer MUST be tagged immediately. All harvests must be reported by 8 p.m. on day of harvest. Deer must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	6	5, 19, 25, 42, 48		9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*		5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	4	6		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3	30*, 55, 63*, 65	Oct. 2–29, 2021	2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26		2 deer (only 1 may be antlerless)	
	0	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46		1 deer only (may be either sex)	
Youth Day Archery	ALL	ALL Zones Listed in Fall Bow above	Sept. 25, 2021	1 deer only (may be either sex)	Must be accompanied by licensed, non-hunting adult. (See page 20 for details.)
Permit Bow	8	10, 11, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51	Oct. 30-Dec. 24, 26-31, 2021	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	To harvest an antiered deer, a Buck Permit - Bow is also required. Buck Permit is valid in any zone for which hunter has a zone-specific Archery Permit. Only 1 buck is permitted. Deer MUST be tagged immediately. All harvests must be reported by 7 p.m. on day of harvest. Deer must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	7	7, 8, 9*, 12, 17, 41		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	6	5, 19, 25, 42, 48		9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*		5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	4	6		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3	30*, 55, 63*, 65	Oct. 30-Nov. 28, 2021	2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26		2 deer (only 1 may be antlerless)	
	0	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46	Oct. 30-Nov. 20, 2021	1 deer only (can be either sex)	
Winter Bow	7 8	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 17, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51	Jan. 1-Feb. 19, 2022	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	6	5, 19, 25, 42, 48	Jan. 1–31, 2022	9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Jan. 1–31, 2022	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	Deer MUST be tagged immediately. All harvests must be reported by 7 p.m. on day of harvest.
	4	6		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered	Deer must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	3	30*, 55, 63*, 65		2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26		2 deer (only 1 may be antlerless)	
	0	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46		1 deer only (can be either sex)	

^{*} Any antlered deer taken in zones marked with an asterisk must have at least 3 antler points on one side of rack. Special Area Zones 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 61, 64, 66, 67, and 68: see page 43 for details.